

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following heading and paragraph immediately after the title of the invention on page 2, line 1:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/991,880, filed on November 26, 2001. The entire disclosure of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/991,880 is hereby incorporated herein by reference. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 19 with the following rewritten version:

-- The cable attachment link 24 is pivotally supported on a pivot pin 23 that is fixedly coupled to the fixed member 22. A pair of pivot pins 25a and 25b that are located on the pivot axis C pivotally support one end of the support link 26 on the fixed member 22. The other end of the support link 26 pivotally supports the chain guide 28 by a pair of pivot pins 27a and 27b that are located on the pivot axis D. A pivot pin 29 located on the pivot axis B is pivotally coupled to the cable attachment link 24 and pivotally supports the chain guide 28. Thus, the chain guide 28 is movably coupled to the cable attachment link 24 and the support link 26 to move between a retracted (low gear) position and an extended (high gear) position, as seen in Figures 6(a) and 6(b). --

Please replace the paragraph spanning pages 12 and 13 (beginning on page 12, line 31) with the following rewritten version:

-- The first pivot portions 51a and 53a are pivotally coupled to the mounting flanges 40 and 42 via the pivot pins 25a and 25b, respectively. Specifically, the first pivot portions 51a and 53a have holes 55a and 57a formed therein for receiving the pivot pins 25a and 25b, respectively. Thus, the support link 26 is pivotally coupled to the first clamping member 32 (fixed member 22). The second pivot portions 51b and 53b have holes 55b and 57b formed therein for receiving the pivot pins 27a and 27b, respectively, to pivotally support the chain guide 28 via the pivot pins 27a and 27b, as discussed below. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 13 with the following rewritten version:

-- The vertical section 89 of the mounting flange 86 has a pair of pivot holes 92 and 93a for pivotally mounting parts of the linkage assembly 30 thereto. The mounting flange 87 also has a pivot hole 93b that is aligned with the pivot hole 93a of the vertical section 89 for pivotally coupling parts of the linkage assembly 30 therebetween. Specifically, the pivot hole 92 pivotally receives the pivot pin 29 (couple to the cable attachment link 24), while pivot holes 93a and 93b pivotally receive the pivot pins 27a and 27b, respectively. Thus, the chain guide 28 is movably coupled to the cable attachment link 24 and the support link 26 via the pivot pin 29 and the pivot pins 27a and 27b, respectively. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 22 with the following rewritten version:

-- A plurality of snap-on retaining washers 94 are utilized on the pivot pins 23, 25a, 25b, 27a, 27b and 29, as seen in Figures 2, 3 7 and 7. More specifically, each of the pivot pins 23, 25a, 25b, 27a, 27b and 29 has a groove for receiving retaining washers 94. Preferably, these retaining washers 94 are E-shaped retaining clips that are snapped into retaining grooves of the pivot pins. Optionally, the pivot pins 23, 25a, 25b, 27a, 27b and 29 can be utilized with bushings (not shown) mounted in their respective pivot holes. Of course, it will be apparent to those skilled in the art from this disclosure that any suitable pivot pins could be used in conjunction with the present invention. For example, rivet-type pivot pins could be utilized. --